

William Sydney Porter 1862 N. Carolina  
Died 1910 (48) alcoholic

"Embezzled" \$1,000 from a poorly run bank; found guilty but insisted he was ~~innocent~~ innocent. Ran Honduras but came back because ~~his~~ wife was dying. 5 yr. sentence served 3. over 300 short stories studied dictionary + used high vocab.

held many jobs: bookkeeper, draftsman, druggist, bank teller, reporter, hand on sheep ranch.

New York + Texas - lived + used as settings for his stories

Mostly wrote about "down + outers" some rich.

Noted for ironic endings opposite of ~~what~~ you expect  
Sometimes 2 ironies